Sharing of market research programmes with China's International Trade Research Institute

1654. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether China's International Trade Research Institute has offered to share market research programmes with Indian companies interested in investments in China; and

(b) if so, whether a high-powered team of the Institute visiting India has informed the industrialists that there is vast scope of investment by third world countries in China; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government is not aware of any such discussion.

Development of tourism in Andaman and Nicobar group of Islands

1655. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state what steps Government have taken or propose to take for the development of tourism in the Andaman and Nicobar group of Islands?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): The question of development of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands for tourism purposes on a selective basis has been agreed to in principle by the Government. An amount of Rs. 4.48 lakhs has recently been released for survey for construction of a jety in the Cinque Island and Rs. 15.00 lakhs released of a sanctioned amount of Rs. 39.22 lakhs for the construction of a Yatri Niwas at Port Blair. The Department of Tourism has further asked the Union Territory Administration to draw up more schemes for developing tourist infrastructure in the Andaman Group.

Iesses incurred by M|s. Ashok travel and tours

1656. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state what steps Government have taken in 1985-86 to reduce the losses incurred by M|s. Ashok Travels and Tours during the year 1984-85?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): The following steps have been taken by ITDC in 1985-86 to reduce the losses incurred by M|s Ashok Travels & Tours during the year 1984-85:

1. Replacement of old and superannuated vehicles
2. Stricter monitoring of the operational and administrative expenditure incurred by the units
3. Reduction of tariff at some places for luxury cars for better utilisation of fleet strength
4. Closing down of some of the losing units where adequate transport facility exists in the private|State sectors.

India's trade with foreign countries

1657. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of India's trade with Japan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, the USSR and China during the last three years; and

(b) the quantum of foreign exchange earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) According to the provisional date

available, India's exports to and imports from in respect of specified countries during 1983-84, 1984-85 and April-September, 1985 in terms of value are as under:—

(Value Rs. Crores)

S. No.	Countries	1983-84 (p)	1984-85 (p)	April-Sept. 1985-86 (p)
1.	*Japan*			
	Exports	825·68	1060·97	451·39
	Imports	1455·53	1240·41	658·56
2.	*Pakistan*			
	Exports	11·77	12·91	5·86
	Imports	27·79	15·75	4·40
3.	*Saudi Arabia*			
	Exports	244·90	245·00	103·70
	Imports	1078·21	1249·42	488·29
4.	*USSR*			
	Exports	1305·87	1654·59	906·88
	Imports	1658·38	1803·38	903·73
5.	*China Peoples Republic of*			
	Exports	5·72	2·12	11·73
	Imports	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.

Remark: The country-wise figures of exports do not include exports of curde petrolium and margin for adjustments.

(P): Figures are provisional|prelimi nary and subject to revision.

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta.

सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से जनता को विभिन्न वस्तुओं की आपूर्ति

1658. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उनके विभाग द्वारा जनता को सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली से इस समय किन-किन चीजों की आपूर्ति की जाती है और इस कार्य के लिए कितनी दुकानें खोली गई है ;

(ख) शहर और देहात में कार्य कर रही इन दुकानों की औसत संख्या कितनी-कितनी है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में इन वस्तुओं की आपूर्ति के लिए समुचित व्यवस्था करने का विचार रखती है, यदि हां, तो कैसे और कब से ?

योजना और खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित पांजा): (क) और (ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने सात आवश्यक वस्तुओं अर्थात् गेहूं, चावल, लेवी चीनी, आयातित खाद्य तेलों, मिट्टी के तेल, साफ्ट कोक तथा कंट्रोल के कपड़े की अधिप्राप्ति तथा सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के तंत्र के माध्यम से उपभोक्ताओं में वितरित करने के लिए राज्यों और संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को उनकी सप्लाई करने की जिम्मेदारी ले रखी है। 31 दिसम्बर, 1985 को लगभग कुल 3.25 लाख उचित दर की दुकानें देश में आवश्यक वस्तुओं के वितरण-कार्य में लगी हुई थीं। इनमें से लगभग 0.72 लाख उचित दर की दुकानें शहरी क्षेत्रों में कार्य कर रही थीं, जबकि लगभग 2.53 लाख दुकानें ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में चल रही थीं। उचित दर की दुकानों की कुल संख्या का लगभग 78 प्रतिशत ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में स्थित है।